Whereas, as the 2004-2005 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Washington School District in Washington, Missouri, is losing a valuable member of its faculty on June 30, 2005, with the retirement of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gregory L. Wilson who has devoted thirty-four years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Dr. Wilson has worked for five years in the Washington School District, where he is held in high esteem for his overall competence and successful leadership; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Dr. Wilson served as Superintendent of Schools at Brookfield R-III for five years, Cole R-V for eight years, and Sunrise R-IX for one year; and

Whereas, prior to his service as a Superintendent, Dr. Wilson served as a Principal at Imperial Windsor C-1 for two years and as a counselor, teacher, and football coach at Union R-XI, Montgomery County R-II, and Dunklin R-V; and

Whereas, Dr. Wilson has supported his profession as a member of the Missouri Association of School Administrators, of which he is a Legislative Committee member, the American Association of School Administrators, the South Central Superintendents Association, and WINGS (Washington's Investment in Great Schools); and

Whereas, a Paul Harris Fellow, Dr. Wilson has further distinguished himself as a member of the Rotary Club, the Elks Club, the United Way, the Washington Chamber of Commerce, 353 Redevelopment Corporation, the University of Missouri Alumni Association, and the Boy Scouts of America organization, where he earned membership in the Order of the Arrow and the status of Honorary Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say; and

Whereas, Gregory Wilson has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife of thirty-six years, Susan; and one son, Luke:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join the Washington School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Dr. Gregory Wilson has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement he so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. Gregory L. Wilson, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by
Representative Kevin Threlkeld
District No. 109
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1209, adopted March 10, 2005.